

FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT: YEAR TWO IN REVIEW

That's a wrap on Judge Williams' second year on the bench of the Fourth Circuit Court! We are proud of the work that has been accomplished these past twelve months. As we reflect on this year, we are incredibly grateful to do the work we do. We are continuing to work hard for our city and look forward to the ongoing endeavors of our court.

To our domestic bar and Davidson County community: Thank you all for your hard work and dedication to make the lives of children and families safer and better.

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OCTOBER, 2025

Children in the Crossfire



To kick off year two, Judge Williams and Dr. Donny Jackson, LMFT, co-hosted **Children in the Crossfire**, an interdisciplinary event focused on the impact of high conflict divorce on children. This event was just the start of many more to come that bring together the legal and mental health worlds in an effort to work with our families in a way that allows healthier outcomes.

NOVEMBER 2025

Adoptions

Judge Williams hosted a **two-day CLE** for attorneys to learn more about practicing **adoptions and termination of parental rights cases**. That same week we celebrated **Adoption Week with "Home for the Holidays,"** a special adoption day that celebrated permanency for children.





DECEMBER 2025

Wrapping Up 2025



Judge Williams hosted her annual **end-of-year CLE**, this time with a focus on mental health and burnout in attorneys. We welcomed **Emily Moon, LPC**, to speak on this topic for attendees. At the conclusion of the CLE, attendees and other guests enjoyed a **Holiday Happy Hour** to close out 2025.

JANUARY 2026

Caseload Update



The Fourth Circuit holds the first **Dismissal Docket** in an effort to maintain case management. As of August 2026, **our caseload is under 950** thanks to the dismissal dockets, status conference dockets, and, most importantly, the hard work of court staff and attorneys to bring cases to timely resolution and closure.



FEBRUARY 2026

Behind the Bench



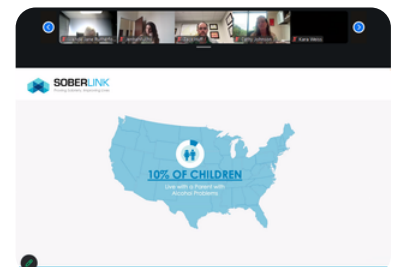
We continued releasing **"Behind the Bench" videos** to provide guidance on important court functions. The latest editions feature the **Pro Se Agreed Divorce Docket** and **Judicial Settlement Conferences** as explained by Special Master Kristen Menke.

MARCH 2026

"Lunch" and Learns



We hosted our first **"Lunch" and Learn**, a complimentary one hour virtual CLE covering various programs that assist family court cases, this first one covered OurFamilyWizard. Since then we have hosted two others and remain committed to sharing affordable and accessible resources like this with the Domestic Bar and our community.





MAY 2026

We Went Viral



Our **Interpreter Appreciation Day Instagram Reel** went viral (well, 115,000 views and 6,000 likes viral). This expanded our audience and allowed us to show the resources that make the Fourth Circuit Court more approachable and accessible. A special thanks to Noemi Camejo for starring in the video and to the incredible interpreters who serve our court.



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JUNE 2026



Interns Galore

Our office nearly doubled as we welcomed **four interns** into our chambers. They aided us in continuing our social media efforts and creating and editing videos that touch on important topics handled by our court.



Additionally, they helped execute **New Attorney Orientation** on June 25th, an annual event to educate new and soon-to-be attorneys on practicing in our court and the practice of family law.



AUGUST 2026

Did Someone Say Podcast?



Off the Record with Dr. Donny and Judge Stephanie officially launched! A continuation of the conversation that started at Children in the Crossfire, this podcast delves into the intersection of family law and family therapy, showing that family law cases are not just legal processes but emotional ones. Episodes will continue to release through the end of 2026.

Judge Williams was selected to receive the **Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee's Gamechanger Award** alongside 7 other influential black philanthropical leaders in Middle Tennessee.



OFF THE RECORD EPISODE 2!



In case you missed it, a new episode of *Off the Record with Dr. Donny and Judge Stephanie* dropped! Picking up from the first episode, “**Episode 2: Divorce is the Choice —What’s Next?**” explains the difference between separation and divorce, whether you actually need an attorney, how to support kids through this initial decision, and more. Stream it everywhere you listen to podcasts.



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PLUS don't miss episode 3 releasing September 2!

THANK YOU JUDGE GLANDORF!

Together with the Third Circuit staff and the Domestic Bar, we celebrated the end of Judge Bethany P. Glandorf's time on the bench of the Third Circuit. Thank you to everyone who showed up last week to send her off. Judge Glandorf stepped up in a time of need and executed her job with expertise, respect, and integrity. Additionally, we thanked Special Master Charlotte Fleming, Judicial Assistant Catherine Jackson, and Court Officer Justin Stubblefield for their commitment to the Third Circuit Court. Thank you all for your service to the families of Davidson County!



A PORTRAIT FOR JUDGE STANLEY A. KWELLER

The following is a letter from attorney Marlene Eskind Moses

Dear All,

Last year we lost our dear friend and colleague, Judge Stanley Kweller, after a revered legal career of forty-five years and honorable service to our community as Judge of the Fourth Circuit Court. To mark and honor his legacy in our legal community as well as his judicial service to the people of Davidson County, I have commissioned a portrait of Judge Kweller with portrait artist Michael Thompson to hang in the Fourth Circuit Court.



Please join with me in this effort to honor our late friend and colleague by donating to this honorarium. I am specifically asking colleagues to contribute \$250 (more or less depending on their wishes and circumstances) towards this commissioned piece that we will all view and treasure for many years to come.

If you are willing to join and contribute, checks should be payable to: Marlene Eskind Moses. My address is: 150 Third Avenue South, Suite 1700, Nashville, Tennessee 37201. In the alternative, you may also send payment to me via Venmo at the address of: @Marleneeskindmoses.

Judge Stephanie Williams has graciously agreed to host the unveiling ceremony of the portrait in her Fourth Circuit Court room. A reception will follow thereafter, in the hallway outside her courtroom.

Thank you in advance for support and this meaningful way to recognize and memorialize Judge Kweller. Please feel free to contact me at 615-341-0070 if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Marlene Eskind Moses



SAVE THE DATE(S)!

Upcoming Events with the Fourth Circuit Court

Adoption and TPR 101 with the Fourth Circuit

Monday & Tuesday, October 19 & 20, 2026



This two-day event will educate attorneys on the fundamental processes and best practices for handling termination of parental rights and adoption cases in Davidson County and across Tennessee. We are excited to partner with the office of Family & Children Services for this CLE.

Home for the Holidays

Thursday, November 19, 2025

On November 19th, 2026, Judge Williams will host Home for the Holidays, a festive day of adoptions and celebrating permanency in children's lives. If you have an adoption case that will be finalized before the holiday season begins, this is a great day to set the final hearing. Come for refreshments and holiday cheer as we honor the attorneys who work on these cases and celebrate permanency for children. More exciting details coming soon about this event that you don't want to miss!



End of Year CLE

December 2026

As always, we will host an end-of-year CLE to wrap up 2026 and begin preparing for 2027. More info to come.

Keep an eye out for more information on these events coming soon!

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

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9/7: Office Closed for Labor Day

9/17: Status Conference Docket at 1 p.m. in Person or Via Zoom; Dismissal Docket at 2:30 p.m.

9/18: Office Open, No Motion Docket

OCTOBER

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10/6: No Default Hearings

10/15: Status Conference Docket at 1 p.m. in Person or Via Zoom; Dismissal Docket at 2:30 p.m.

10/19 + 20: Adoption and TPR CLE

For a complete view of our regularly scheduled dockets and available court dates, please see the calendar page on our website by clicking here: [Website Calendar](#) or by scanning the QR code:



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